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Lawrence M. Noble, Esq.
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Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 5128

Dear Mr. Noble:

This responds to the complaint filed by the Democrat Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) against Dick Zimmer, Zimmer 2000 and Maria Chappa as treasurer.

The DCCC alleges that the Zimmer 2000 campaign committee accepted an excessive contribution "funnelled" through the National Republican Congressional Committee, in the amount of \$66,5000. The NRCC never gave this money to the Zimmer campaign by check or by any other means.

This was a coordinated expenditure by the NRCC, the agent of the national party and state party. It is perfectly legal under federal law. The national party committees are allowed to make "expenditures in connection with the general election campaign candidate for federal office..." 11 C.F.R. & 110.7(b)(I).

So as to ensure full public disclosure, we filed a 48-hour notice. This was done due to past issues regarding 48-hour notices and in an abundance of caution. But being overly cautious does not convert this to a contribution. It is a coordinated expenditure made in connection with the general election of Dick Zimmer.

This complaint was politically motivated in nature on the eve of a very close election. It is completely unfounded, and we respectfully request that the Commission dismiss this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria H. Chappa

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Treasurer

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